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SUB: GOP NATIONALIZES VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTRY.

1. GOP MINISTER FOR LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
ABDUL HAFEEZ PIRZADA ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 3 NATIONALIZATION
WITH IMMEDIATE AFFECT OF 26 INDUSTRIES PRODUCING VEGETABLE
OIL. SOLE EXCEPTION TO NATIONALIZATION IS LOCAL UNILEVER
FACILITY WHICH IS ONLY FIRM WITH FOREIGN INTEREST.

2. MINISTER PIRZADA CITED PREVIOUS ASSURANCES BY GOP OFFICIALS
THAT NO FURTHER NATIONALIZATION WOULD TAKE PLACE, BUT STATED
THAT DECISION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE INDUSTRIES HAD FAILED TO
INCREASE PRODUCTION. COMMENT. INDUSTRY REP CLAIMED TO
EMBOFF THAT SHORTAGES HAVE BEEN DUE TO RELATIVELY LOW PRICES
SET BY GOP WHICH ENCOURAGE MASSIVE SMUGGLING TO NEIGHBORING
INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN. PRESS REPORTS HAVE ALSO ALLEGED WIDESPREAD
SMUGGLING OF THIS COMMODITY.

3. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
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